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**Introduced by Senators Johnson and Peace**

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An act to amend Section 130060 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to hospital facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 265, as introduced, Johnson. Hospital facilities: seismic safety.

The Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 establishes, under the jurisdiction of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, a program of seismic safety building standards for certain hospitals built on and after March 7, 1973. The act requires, after January 1, 2008, any general acute care hospital building that is determined to be a potential risk of collapse or pose a significant risk of loss of life to be used only for nonacute care hospital purposes. Existing law authorizes the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to grant a delay in meeting this deadline, or to extend the deadline for certain hospital buildings, under specified circumstances.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to the above provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 130060 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 130060. (a) After January 1, 2008, any general acute care
- 4 hospital building that is determined to be a potential risk of
- 5 collapse or pose significant loss of life shall only be used for

1 nonacute care hospital purposes. A delay in this deadline may be  
2 granted by the office upon a demonstration by the owner that  
3 compliance will result in a loss of health care capacity that may not  
4 be provided by other general acute care hospitals within a  
5 reasonable proximity.

6 (b) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this  
7 subdivision, to facilitate the process of having more hospital  
8 buildings in substantial compliance with this chapter and to take  
9 nonconforming general acute care hospital inpatient buildings out  
10 of service more quickly.

11 (2) The functional contiguous grouping of hospital buildings of  
12 a general acute care hospital, each of which provides, as the  
13 primary source, one or more of the hospital's eight basic services  
14 as specified in subdivision (a) of Section 1250, may receive a  
15 five-year extension of the January 1, 2008, deadline specified in  
16 subdivision (a) of this section pursuant to this subdivision for both  
17 structural and nonstructural requirements. A functional  
18 contiguous grouping refers to buildings containing one or more  
19 basic hospital services that are either attached or connected in a  
20 way that is acceptable to the State Department of Health Services.  
21 These buildings may be either on the existing site or a new site.

22 (3) To receive the five-year extension *authorized by this*  
23 *subdivision*, a single building containing all of the basic services  
24 or at least one building within the contiguous grouping of hospital  
25 buildings shall have obtained a building permit prior to 1973 and  
26 this building shall be evaluated and classified as a nonconforming,  
27 Structural Performance Category 1 (SPC-1) building. The  
28 classification shall be submitted to and accepted by the Office of  
29 Statewide Health Planning and Development. The identified  
30 hospital building shall be exempt from the requirement in  
31 subdivision (a) until January 1, 2013, if the hospital agrees that the  
32 basic service or services that were provided in that building shall  
33 be provided, on or before January 1, 2013, as follows:

34 (A) Moved into an existing conforming Structural  
35 Performance Category-3 (SPC-3), Structural Performance  
36 Category-4 (SPC-4), or Structural Performance Category-5  
37 (SPC-5) and Non-Structural Performance Category-4 (NPC-4) or  
38 Non-Structural Performance Category-5 (NPC-5) building.

39 (B) Relocated to a newly-built compliant SPC-5 and NPC-4 or  
40 NPC-5 building.



1 (C) Continued in the building if the building is retrofitted to a  
2 SPC-5 and NPC-4 or NPC-5 building.

3 (4) A five-year extension is also provided to a post  
4 1973-building if the hospital owner informs the Office of  
5 Statewide Health Planning and Development that the building is  
6 classified as a SPC-1, SPC-3, or SPC-4 and will be closed to  
7 general acute care inpatient service use by January 1, 2013. The  
8 basic services in the building shall be relocated into a SPC-5 and  
9 NPC-4 or NPC-5 building by January 1, 2013.

10 (5) Any SPC-1 buildings, other than the building identified in  
11 paragraph (3) or (4), in the contiguous grouping of hospital  
12 buildings shall also be exempt from the requirement in subdivision  
13 (a) until January 1, 2013. However, on or before January 1, 2013,  
14 at a minimum, each of these buildings shall be retrofitted to a  
15 SPC-2 and NPC-3 building, or no longer be used for general acute  
16 care hospital inpatient services.

17 (c) On or before March 1, 2001, the office shall establish a  
18 schedule of interim work progress deadlines that hospitals shall be  
19 required to meet to be eligible for the extension specified in  
20 subdivision (b). To receive this extension, the hospital building or  
21 buildings shall meet the year 2002 nonstructural requirements.

22 (d) A hospital building that is eligible for an extension pursuant  
23 to this section shall meet the January 1, 2030, nonstructural and  
24 structural deadline requirements if the building is to be used for  
25 general acute care inpatient services after January 1, 2030.

26 (e) Upon compliance with this section, the hospital shall be  
27 issued a written notice of compliance by the office. The office shall  
28 send a written notice of violation to hospital owners that fail to  
29 comply with this section.

